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LEAVING THE MINES.

Livelihood No Longer Easily Earned by the Pick.

MINERS SEEKING OTHER WORK.

The Hon. William Ruehrwein, Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Says All This and Much More in His Annual Report Just Filed with Gov. Bushnell.

The annual report of the Hon. William Ruehrwein, commissioner of labor statistics, which has just been filed with Gov. Bushnell, shows that during the year ending Jan. 1, 1897, the earnings of the coal miners of the state were less than in any year in the history of the trade. The extremely low price paid for mining, and the decrease in the demand for coal, because of the general stagnation of business in manufacturing circles are given as the main causes.

With the introduction of mining machinery and foreign labor, Mr. Ruehrwein says, the American miner will soon pass out of existence as such and will be compelled to turn his attention to some other trade or calling. The younger element, observing the trend of events, is already turning its back to the mines and engaging in other pursuits, where possible. In Stark, Tuscarawas and adjoining counties the opportunities for leaving the mines and engaging in other pursuits are more numerous and frequently taken advantage of. Machinery having been unable to gain a successful foothold in the Massillon coal fields and those adjoining, a greater degree of skill is required in producing the coal, and unskilled laborers cannot be drawn on so readily. However, there is never a scarcity of miners there or elsewhere, and the prospect is fair for a continuation of existing conditions.

In Stark county, the report says, the miners' earnings for the year were $254.88 each, an average of $21.24 a month and $1.42 a day, or 81 cents for each working day. Day men received $285.74 for the year—$23.81 per month, $1.60 per day, or 91 cents per each working day. In Belmont county the earnings of the miners were $235.95 for the year—$19.66 per month and $1.63 per day, or 75 cents per each working day. Guernsey county shows $258.57 to be the average of the miners for the year—$21.55 per month and $1.72 per day, or 83 cents per each working day. The day men have $252.29 for the year with a monthly average of $21.02 and $1.68 per day, or 81 cents per each working day. The earnings of the miners of Tuscarawas county were $266.68 for the year, averaging $22.22 per month and $1.60 per day, or 85 cents per each working day. The day men show a slight increase over the miners, having earned $279 82 during the year an average of $23.31 per month and $1.68 per day, or 89 cents per each working day of the year. Jackson county miners earnings for the year are shown to be $282 40, an average of $23.53 per month and $1.91 per day, or 90 cents per each working day. Day men have but $199.41 for the year, an average of $16 62 per month and $1 34 per day, or 64 cents per each working day. In Meigs county the earnings of the miners during the year amounted to $257.49—$21 46 per month and $1.45 per day, or 82 cents per each working day, while the day men have $213.20 for the year, an average of $17.77 per month and $1.20 per day, or 68 cents per each working day. In Athens county the miners' earnings were $218.93 per year, $18.24 per month and $1.38 actual work or 70 cents per day for each working day in the year. In Hocking county the miners earned yearly $209.18—monthly $17.43, and daily for time worked, $1 51, or 67 cents per each working day. In Perry county, $250.80 is the average amount earned by the miners for the year, with an average of $20 90 per month and $1.63 for time worked, or 80 cents per day for each working day.

The company houses of Tuscarawas county, according to the report, are of low inferior character and rent for $3 50 per month. However, they possess the advantages over the ordinary company house, being fenced in, many of them, and having garden spots attached. In the old-established mining towns of Stark county company houses are the exception, and few are to be found. On the other hand, there are many large and commodious houses erected by the miners themselves and owned and occupied by them at present. They stand as monuments to the thrift and economy of their owners and represent in most instances the prosperity and savings of former years. Nearly all are built upon large lots, which are well cultivated and contribute in no small degree to the support of their occupants, who find it difficult to make both ends meet even with this substantial reinforcement to their small earnings from the mines, which are steadily growing less.

A similar statement might be made with regard to the older mining towns of other counties, where like conditions exist, but not to such an extent as they are to be found in Stark county. But little company property is to be found in the larger towns of Athens, Hocking, Perry, Jackson, Meigs, Guernsey and Belmont counties. It is invariably found about the mines located in the outlying districts remote from the towns. It is in these places that the company store also finds fruitful soil and flourishes to the exclusion of individual enterprises. Along the line of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling railroad, in Belmont county, a few miles north of the Ohio river, are to be found houses of five rooms, with slate roofs, which rent for $7 per month. They are among the best of company property to be found in that locality, but are not very well situated. In close proximity is a row of rough board "shacks" (by common courtesy called houses), which rest upon a foundation of wooden blocks and consist of two rooms. Immediately in the rear of this row the sidetrack from the mine runs along, while in front are the main tracks of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling railroad, while between the latter and the front of the row is a depression filled with stagnant water from the mine. These wretched abodes, with their miserable surroundings, cost the unfortunate tenants $3.50 a month.

Not many miles distant, on the same line of railroad, is another mining camp of 70 or 80 company houses, which presents a scene of unparalleled wretchedness. About half of them are located in the valley, with the mine sidetracks and coke ovens directly in front of them, while a steep hill ascends in the rear, on which the other half are built. They consist of two rooms each, although some of them have a small board shanty attached for kitchen purposes. All are placed upon a foundation of wooden posts, and but few are plastered, while fences are unknown. There are no garden spots, and weeds are everywhere. Two wells supply drinking water for the camps—one on the hill and the other in the bottom. Gathered together in these miserable hovels are the representatives of nine different European nations, all of which are non-English speaking people. The condition of these people is truly pitiable. They are the pictures of the most abject misery and wretchedness, many of the children not being more than half clothed, while the parents bear marks of the greatest poverty. From their scant earnings the rents of $4.50 and $5.50 per month are deducted regularly, often leaving but a few cents to be received for their labor when work is very slack. The deplorable condition of these unfortunate people foretells only too clearly the future of the American miner. With opportunities no greater than his unfortunate competitor, he must inevitably sink to the same level of degradation and misery—there is no other alternative The evil of foreign labor is nowhere more vividly exemplified than in these localities, where it so largely preponderates.

THE COAL TRADE.

What the Journal Says About Market Conditions.

Pittsburg.—The last coal for lake shipment has gone forward and a let up on production will rule from now until spring. The Ohio miners want a 60-cent rate, which means, under the prevailing differential, 69 cents in the Pittsburg district. While President Ratchford has announced publicly that the demands to be made will provide for a material advance in rates, he refuses to say what the figures will be. He is reported to have suggested 75 cents for the Pittsburg district. This is regarded as a "bluff," so that by a concessionary spirit in conference 69 cents will be obtained, thus enabling the officers to fulfill their promises of a 60-cent rate for the Ohio diggers.

Chicago—Bituminous coal is still in brisk demand and prices are well maintained. Lake Erie ports are still monopolizing certain tributary coal outputs which ordinarily send a quota to this market, but navigation will close this week in all probability and shipments may be then more nearly equalized. Already, in anticipation of the termination of lake shipments, some easiness of car supplies is observable in parts of West Virginia, but on the whole there is just about as great a shortage as there has been at any time of late, and some important fields are running further behind.

Minneapolis—Up to the last of November the weather was unusually mild, and the effect was that of less activity in the coal business than is customary at this season of the year. Since the first of the month colder weather has prevailed and caused a noticeable increase in business but no extraordinary demand.

St. Paul, Minn.—With a good vigorous sample of winter weather, trade has settled down and the movement is more smooth and business-like than for some time, and present deviations from the $7.50 retail price are not important enough to attract attention. All interests are busy and the incentive to demoralization in price is lacking. A little damaged, rusty or mixed coal is on the market at a dollar less, but the difference simply strengthens normal prices.

The soft coal situation is steadily improving; practically enough coal is in sight for ordinary contract needs, barring one or perhaps two exceptions, and Illinois coal is coming in freely, so that any transient trade can be taken care of at reasonable prices.

TWO MEN INJURED.

John Johnson and John Smith Meet With Accidents.

NAVARRE, Dec. 16.—John Johnson, employed at the Hess mine, was caught beneath a falling rock, on Wednesday, and one leg was so badly injured that he may never again regain full use of it. Today, John Smith had several fingers crushed while at work in the same mine.

Sued for Slander.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 18.—[By Associated Press]—Judge Charles G. Richie, today, sued Edwin B. Green for $25,000 damages for slander. The suit grows out of a factional fight at the last November election.

A fine line of mackintoshes at Foltz's.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER.

Two Massillon Boys Held at Akron.

ENTIRE INNOCENCE IS LIKELY.

The Shocking Crime Upon Railroad Men Near Berea, Leads to Arrests, and the Massillon Men, Being Strangers, are Detained for the Time Being.

AKRON, O., Dec. 16.—Your telegram received wishing explanation. H. Schafer and I left Massillon for Akron in search of employment. Left Massillon at about 9:20 p. m. We arrived at Sterling at 11:20 p. m. When we reached Akron we met an officer and he directed us to a hotel. We had just registered and were going to bed when arrested on suspicion. We are perfectly innocent and hope we will be released soon.

OTTO BANTZ.

AKRON, Dec. 16.—Harry Schafer and Otto Bantz, of Massillon, were arrested at the Clarendon Hotel, at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning, and are being held on suspicion of having been implicated in the murder of John Erret, a conductor on the Big Four railroad, Wednesday night. The young men say that they were not near the Big Four road, know nothing about the murder, and are sanguine that they can prove that they came to Akron about midnight from Sterling, which they reached over the C., L. & W. railway. Both seem honest and intelligent, and not at all the sort of men who hold up trains and murder. The police felt it their duty to take them into custody, however, as they answer the desciptions of the men wanted, as sent out from Berea. The authorities are impressed with the straightforward stories of the young men, and they expect them to establish their innocence without difficulty.

Mr. Schafer is a married man, his home being in Richville avenue. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schafer, and has always borne an excellent character. Mr. Bantz is scarcely twenty-one years of age, and is also well and favorably known. The young men left home on Wednesday in search of employment. The arrest of these young men is likely merely one of the official formalities which are closely observed under certain circumstances. Just after a crime has been committed all newcomers to towns or the vicinity are regarded with suspicion, and often wholesale arrests are made, frequently on no other ground than a person's failure to establish his identity. This is undoubtedly now the case, and the relatives of the young men should spare themselves unnecessary worry.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 16.—Masked men boarded freight train, No. 69, of the Big Four railroad, near Berea, at 7:20 o'clock Wednesday evening, and killed Conductor Jonathan Errett and badly wounded Brakeman Earl Dalgleish.

The train was at the west switch at Berea, and in the caboose were the conductor, the brakeman and Harry Errett, the conductor's twelve-year-old son. Conductor Errett was in the act of lighting the gasoline stove to prepare supper when two men entered the caboose, covered Errett with revolvers, and told him to throw up his hands. Errett refused, when one of the strangers commenced shooting, emptying his revolver. Errett flew at him and a scuffle ensued. Then the second man shot Errett in the head. Both tramps had set the brakes on the train before entering the caboose, and after shooting Errett made their escape. The brakeman, Dalgleish, was shot in the side, and escaped through the window The wounded conductor followed his assailants to the platform, and then dropped dead. The boy dragged his father back into the caboose and notified the crew of a switch engine which was following the freight train. Conductor Errett received his month's wages at Linndale today, and the object of the assault was robbery, no doubt. The remains were taken to Grafton, and will be brought to his home in the morning.

ELYRIA, Dec. 16—Four men were arrested here this morning, suspected of being the murderers of Conductor Errett, who was killed on his train Wednesday night.

MASSILLON BOYS CLEARED.

Nothing to Prove Their Connection with the Grafton Murder.

Harry Shaffer and Otto Bantz have returned from Akron. The son of the conductor murdered at Grafton and a brakeman saw them in the Akron jail, and cleared them of the suspicion on which they were detained. The Akron Beacon-Journal says:

"The young men were released from custody Thursday afternoon. There was not the slightest evidence against them except the circumstance of their answering descriptions sent out. They could easily prove an alibi. As shown by the telegraph dispatches elsewhere, other arrests were made in Grafton and the men identified."

Messrs. Shaffer and Bantz speak in high terms of their treatment by the Akron policemen. These officers, they say, are gentlemen, and discharge their duties in a manner that entitles the city to pride and satisfaction in them. Chief of Police Harrison is an especially able man. The young men are receiving the congratulations of their friends and to them show the following letter:

AKRON, O., Dec. 16, 1897.

To Whom it May Concern:

Harry Shaffer and Otto Bantz were held here on suspicion, but have proven themselves O. K. and are all right, and the son of the conductor that was shot says they are not the men that did the shooting, and were, therefore, released.

H. H. HARRISON,
Chief of Police.

COURT HOUSE NOTES.

The DePeyster Trial to Begin Monday—Probate Court.

CANTON, Dec. 16.—The common pleas assignment for next week includes twelve civil cases, which will be disposed of in room No. 1, Judge McCarty presiding. Judge Taylor will also be in Canton next week and will hear the DePeyster murder trial, which will be commenced in room No. 2 on Monday morning.

The case of the directors of the Stark county infirmary vs. Chas. H. Saylor, guardian of Elizabeth Saylor, is being heard today by Judge McCarty and a jury. Action was brought to recover a sum for the care of Mrs. Saylor at the county institution. The cases of Ohio vs. E. E. Mottinger and Fred Wales, indicted for burglary and larceny, Ohio vs. Frank Curry, violation of local option laws, and Ohio vs. Charles Greenwald, charged with burglary and larceny, which were assigned for trial this week, have been continued until the next term of court. The cases of A. A. Hallock and James Carnes, and Turenne Getz and Andrew Dangeleisen, of Massillon, will also be tried at the next term.

John Welshenbaugh, of Massillon, was visibly affected when arraigned, Wednesday afternoon, for sentence. He broke down completel , and weeping bitterly, begged the mercy of the court. Judge McCarty, however, was severe, and imposed a sentence of four years in the Ohio penitentiary, saying that it had developed during the trial that the prisoner had previously served a term in the penitentiary, and that that experience, no doubt, kept him from pleading guilty to the second indictment, burglary and larceny.

Amelia S. and John A. Russell, of Canton, assigned Wednesday to John Diehl. The assets are $1,800 but no estimate of the liabilities is given. Public sale of real estate has been ordered in the estate of Harmon Shriver, of Massillon. Sale of land has been confirmed in the assignment of Samuel M. Kandel, of Jackson township.

Marriage licenses have been granted to John Stouffer Shanks and Mary D. Clark and August Wagner and Elizabeth C. Voll, of Canton.

NORTH LAWRENCE AND URBAN HILL.

Items of Interest from two Stark County Localities.

NORTH LAWRENCE, Dec. 16.—The many friends of Miss Jennie Streeby followed her Sunday to her long resting place in the cemetery at Canal Fulton. She had been teaching school up to the Monday preceding her death. ..Revelry ran high in our burgh Saturday night. The fountain of Bacchus was the source of inspiration...George Ackerman was detained from work last week on account of a sore hand....Charles Lawrence is on the sick list...Thomas Lister went to Massillon on business on Monday....Maggie Johnson is visiting in Akron this week...The funeral services of Mrs. Davidson on Tuesday were solemn and impressive. The Rev. Mr. Siffert was the principal speaker. He was assisted by the Rev. Ellen King, the Rev. Phillips, of Massillon, and the Revs. Yoder and Baichley, of Canal Fulton...John Pollock made a business trip to Canton on Tuesday....Wm. Clark has bought the property recently owned by John Morgan.

JOE LAI WOE'S TROUBLES.

Brought to Massillon Under the Chinese Exclusion Act.

Deputy United States Marshal Keeley arrived in Massillon, Friday morning, with Joe Lai Woe, of Salem, who was taken before United States Commissioner R. H. Folger and charged with having accepted employment while without a government certificate of residence. The Chinaman makes no pretense of having these papers, his defense being that he is not a laborer, but a merchant, and that the law does not require a certificate in such cases. If the defendant is convicted, he will be sent back to China.

Commissioner Folger continued the case, and Joe Lai Woe was taken to the Cuyahoga county jail. The first information that the authorities received of the defendant was from F. R. Weber, of Canton, who is in the revenue service. Marshal G. W. Robinson and Policeman Welch, of Salem, were brought along by Deputy Marshal Keeley as witnesses, but the case being continued, they were not called upon to testify.

Joe Lai Woe is a brother of Chan Lee, who conducts a laundry in South Mill street. Chan is greatly disturbed about his brother's arrest, and with the assistance of others of his race, will severely contest the case.

The County Wins.

CANTON, Dec. 17.—The case of the Stark county infirmary directors against Charles H. Saylor, guardian of Elizabeth Saylor, was concluded at 6 o'clock, Thursday, by the jury returning a verdict for the plaiutiffs in the sum of $365.98. Mrs. Saylor was an inmate of the institution for several years and received a pension Suit was brought to recover payment for her keeping. Judge McCarty is hearing the case of Flory vs. Wirebaugh today.

Thousands are suffering excruciating misery from that plague of the night, Itching Piles, and say nothing about it through a sense of delicacy. All such will find an instant relief in the use of Doan's Ointment. It never fails.

FROM ALL THE TOWNS.

Everything Worth Printing is to be Found Here.

THE ELECTRIC LINE IS WANTED.

Cows are Dying at Sippo—Railroad Building at West Lebanon—Effect of the Zodiac on the Lives of Canal Fulton Citizens—Much Else.

DALTON, Dec. 18.—There is no truth in the report that people hereabouts do not favor the proposed new street railway from Massillon through to Wooster. Even the business men, with one or two exceptions, hail with joy the news that the work of construction will be begun in the spring. Mr. W. H. H. Wertz, one of the heaviest land owners of this vicinity, has announced himself as being friendly to the enterprise. This will be of great advantage to the promoters, for Mr Wertz controls many miles of right of way. The only man who is openly opposed to the new electric line is a dry goods dealer, who claims that when the road is built the trade will not remain at home, but it is thought that even he can be won over.

FROM EATING FROST-BITTEN GRASS.

SIPPO, Dec. 18.—Isaac Henninger's valuable Jersey cows have developed a strange liking for dead grass, and four have eaten of it so heartily that they are now dead The grass in the Henninger meadows was deep and luxuriant and when dry and dead, Dr. Groff says, if taken into the stomach in large quantities, it will result fatally.

WANTS THE TOWN TO GO WEST.

NANARRE, Dec. 18.—Councilman Clemens shows a letter that he has received from the Peter Stilberg Co., of Cincinnati, in which special inducements are offered to the town to move to northern Indiana. Mr. Stilberg says he understands Navarre and the rest of Bethlehem township are soon to sell out to a Jewish Society of Pittsburg. Mr. Clemens will write back that Navarre is not yet sold.

CASTING THEIR HORSCOPES.

CANAL FULTON, Dec. 18.—Eleanor Kirk's new book, "The Signs of the Zodiac," has arrived in Fulton, and everybody is having his horoscope cast. The town's bachelor mayor, Mr. McFadden, is shown to be susceptible to winning ways and bright eyes, well fitted for the stage or law, a good entertainer, and in many respects almost mysterious individual. The Rev. Mr. Yoder, the signs say, while well adapted to his present calling, would have also been successful as a tiller of the soil. He is further truthfully described as open-hearted and generous, a good conversationalist and a man who always pays his bills.

NEARLY BROKE UP THE DANCE

NEW BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The orchestra was tuning up for the first waltz, at Sponseller's masquerade dance, Friday night, when an immense lamp hanging in the center of the hall fell, shattering itself and causing streams of burning oil to flow in every direction. The dancers were much frightened and excited, and many disguises were lost in the effort to put out the flames. Finally succeeding in doing this, more wax was applied to the floor and the dance went on.

WANTS A VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

MCDONALDSVILLE, Dec. 18.—With burglars and murderers in the vicinity, people do not sleep well these nights. Mr. J. E. Witwer, proprietor of the store, has suggested that a vigilance committee be organized to patrol the town at night, and it is thought that some such thing will be done. Mr. Witwer stands ready to go on duty with the first squad.

NOW BEING PAID IN MONEY.

WEST LEBANON, Dec. 18—This is bad weather for railroad building. The men employed by Mr. H. D. Camp, who is constructing a line to the Massillon coal field, have made their rude quarters, west of town, as comfortable as possible, and at night or when there is sleet or rain they have good times among themselves. Mr. Camp pays them in cash, having abandoned the Akron Exchange scrip method entirely. Mr. Camp says there will be no cessation of work now until the end is reached.

MR. PERSKY IS PROSPEROUS.

NORTH LAWRENCE, Dec. 18.—Mr. Samuel Persky, a former Massillonian, and whose greatest pride is a son who hurrahed for McKinley before he was 4 years old, is now a prosperous man. He has bought himself a fine new surrey and team at an expense of about $400, and the neighborhood is gradually coming to look upon him as one of the nabobs. Mr. Persky is not autocratic, however, but it is a pleasure to him to think that the dark days at Massillon are now of the buried past.

CANAL DOVER NEWS.

Four Deaths Occur.—Church Work Finished.—Opera House Opening.

CANAL DOVER, Dec. 18.—William Naylor died Thursday evening, Dec. 9, at 8:15 o'clock of black diphtheria. He had just finished his course of pharmacy in the Scio college and returned home to take charge of his father's drug store.... William Helman died Tuesday morning, Dec. 14, at 2 o'clock of spinal meningitis. He had spent the summer in Cleveland and returned early in the fall with rheumatism, but recovered in a month or so... The rebuilding of the German Lutheran church is near completed.... The New Philadelphia New Union opera house was opened Dec. 15, with a very refined play, Mark Twain's "Pudd'n-head Wilson."

WHISKEY FAILURE.

A Crash at Owensboro, Ky., Causes Excitement.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 18.—[By Associated Press]—R. Monarch for himself, the Glenmore Distilling Co., and the Eagle Distilling Co., assigned today, to the Columbia Finance and Trust Company, of Louisville. Assets and liabilities of each $750,000. Cause, inability to continue loans.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—[By Associated Press]—The failure of the Monarch Whiskey interests at Owensboro, Ky., caused a great stir among spirit distributers.

DIED IN GREAT AGONY.

Sad Fate of a Little Girl in Canton.

DANGERS OF THE KITCHEN STOVE.

Local and Legal News from the County Seat—A Canton Firm Sued for Non-fulfillment of Contract—The Usual Bulletins from the Probate Court.

CANTON, Dec. 18.—Ruth Bell, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bell, who reside in Lafayette street, died in terrible agony at 3 o'clock this morning. About 4 o'clock Friday afternoon Mrs. Bell left her two children, aged 3 and 2 years respectively, alone in the house, and stepped just across the street to a butcher shop. On returning she found her little daughter lying on the floor burned to a crisp, but alive. When questioned the child murmured, "Johnny did it." It is supposed that the child while playing about the stove set fire to his sister's clothing.

The Hawley Down draft Furnace company began suit today against the firm of Oby & Company, of Canton, to recover $3,300. The petition relates that Oby & Company contracted with the plaintiffs for five furnaces to be attached to the boilers in the government building now being erected in Omaha, Neb The furnaces were completed according to contract, it is alleged, but Oby & Company have refused to accept them.

In the estate of Elizabeth Shorb, of Canton, the executrix has been ordered to file an account. Private sale of land has been ordered in the estate of Jacob Eckroate, of Bethlehem township. The will of Ida E. Tressler, of Sandy township, has been admitted to probate. A final account has been filed in the estate of Catharine Moog, of Bethlehem township.

IRA M. ALLEN.

He Passes Away at His Home in Canton, Friday Evening.

News of the death of Ira M. Allen reached Massillon, Friday night, from his home in Canton. Mr. Allen had been in wretched health for some time, and only the most tender care had enabled him to keep up as he did. He had seemed fairly well for a day or two before his death, and the sinking spell which came upon him suddenly, Friday evening, was, therefore, unexpected. Heart failure set in, and he died in a short time. Dr. Pease was hurriedly sent for before Mr. Allen's death, but nothing could be done.

Mr. Allen was a native of Rensselaer county, New York, where he was born May 11, 1821. He came to Kendal, now Massillon's fourth ward, in 1842, and for three years taught in the public schools. There he gathered together the nucleus which was afterward to prove the potent beginning of the system of township central high schools in Onio. After seven years he taught in the old Canton academy, and then served for three years as superintendent of the Canton public schools. For ten years, beginning in 1854 he was superintendent of the Charity Rotch school in Massillon, and for five years thereafter engaged in farming. In the fall of 1869 he was elected treasurer of Stark county, and his name was on the Republican county ticket when President McKinley first ran for the office of prosecuting attorney. After employing himself in various capacities, Mr. Allen returned to the Charity school as superintendent in 1878 and held that position until seven or eight years ago. For twelve years he was a member of the county board of teachers' examiners.

Mr. Allen was married to Ella Olivia, daughter of Senator John Graham, of this county, in 1844, who, with three daughters, Mrs. L. Sollman, Misses Florence and Ella Allen, survive. For forty years Mr. Allen was conspicuously identified with the educational interests of the state and county, and his influence could always be found on the side of progress and intelligence.

The long residence of Mr. and Mrs. Allen at the Charity school made them both very near to the people of Massillon, and especially to those who have lived here many years. Old and young enjoyed their gracious and boundless hospitality, and appreciated at its true value the sincerity of their friendship. They kept open house the year round at the Charity school, and friends from far and near gathered there upon all occasions, certain of a cordial welcome and good cheer of the old school. Their Canton home was rich with the same genial warmth they had radiated while in Massillon, and all who knew them in both cities feel, today, the inexpressible sorrow of a personal bereavement.

The funeral will take place Monday at 1:30 p. m., from the family residence on South Market street, Canton.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1897.

It is reported that Judge William R. Day, of Canton, may be selected to plead the cause of Veneznela in the Guiana boundary dispute.

In the death of Ira M. Allen, Stark county loses a citizen of integrity and usefulness and Massillon a former resident whose interest in the city never ceased to be keen and genuine.

If Gen. Weyler's popularity in Spain should incite the people to revolution, and his policy should again become the policy of the Spanish government toward Cuba, what then? What would the United States do?

Mr. Ruehrwein, the commissioner of labor statistics, with more accurate data respecting wages than the chief inspector of mines, finds that the earnings of the Massillon miners during the year ended Jan. 1st, were $254.88. The figures given on Saturday last were $237, so that Mr. Ruehrwein's average is rather better. The abstract of his anuual report published in this issue, speaks well for the mining industry, locally considered, and the miners will all be glad to read it.

A bill is proposed, which, should it become a law, would confer upon coal companies the right to open highways and build railways wherever they so desire. It is conceeded that such a law would be of great benefit to coal mining firms, but it is less apparent in what manner the general puplic would receive any equivalent advantage. There seems to be no reason in equity why coal companies should possess privileges not now accorded to other corporations. Coal is not so rare and valuable a product that its production needs encouragement from the state.

The suggestion comes to THE INDEPENDENT from one who should know, that the original idea of the canal commission of recommending the abandonment of the Ohio canal south of Akron has been changed. It is altogether likely that Massillon will continue to be a canal city, and that if the recommendations of the commission, now in Governor Bushnell's hands, are carried out, the useless branches and dead ends will be lopped off, and plenty of money used to make the main stem available for new boats of deeper draft and wider beam. This will mean much to Stark county. Only this week a new steam canal propeller is being tested near Cincinnati, and the tests give great satisfaction. With better canals, these propellers will replace the present light draft boats, and the historic boat mule will become a creature of the past.

CONCERNING PICKLES.

The board of trade is concerning itself, for the benefit of the city and surrounding country, in obtaining the location of a cucumber pickling factory in Massillon. This effort is naturally displeasing to the cucumber growers of other localities, and to certain interests that might be expected to oppose an extension of the pickle growing territory, which is now comparatively limited. These influences are spreading information hereabouts to the effect that cucumber growing is unprofitable, and it is desired, of course, to discourage farmers from engaging in their culture. It is no doubt true that the cucumber crop is liable to failure like wheat or any other product of the soil, but if it did not yield a good return under average conditions, it is quite certain that it would be abandoned in favor of other things. The circumstance that the industry has grown remarkably in this vicinity, so that now there are salting houses at Creston, Wooster, Smithville and Burton City, indicates that there is a profit for somebody somewhere, and that being true it is eminently fitting that Massillon's farmers should have a share in it.

At all events there is no sense in interfering with the board of trade's work. The project in view contemplates the erection of more than a salting house. The company now negotiating here desires to make sauer kraut and put up tomato catsup, as well as pickles. This would involve a considerable investment and give employment to a number of persons. To secure all this about 300 farmers must be found, willing to give up one acre each to cucumbers, for the first year. Thereafter they could use their land for other purposes if they preferre . Inasmuch as nobody hazards anything worth mentioning except the firm that contemplates establishing a branch house in Massillon, the gentlemen so industriously engaged in circulating reports calculated to hamper the work of the board of trade, are simply endeavoring to damage their own and the community's welfare.

THE NEWSPAPERS AND THE PEOPLE.

If one were seeking for a valuable criticism of American newspapers it could be found in the objection made by a distinguished Englishman to the full and sometimes nauseating details of crime with which our papers are so often occupied. Where the line should be drawn no one can easily say, for the accounts of crime are legitimate news; but that the line has been overstepped we certainly know. After all, however, this is not a criticism on our newspapers but of our people. Things are not printed which people do not want. If such things did not quicken sales they would not be manufactured in that style. It might be well to give some thought to this and to contemplate this, along with our method of administering justice by the discriminating aid of a mob, before we undertake the purification of the world and the civilization of other lands. It may be that after we have ceased to enjoy prurient details of crime and have become content with justice administered under the law of the land we would have a greater influence over the world at large as well as over Turkey and Spain —an influence which would have its origin in character as well as in strength — Speaker Reed in the Illustrated American.

ARE WE TO LOSE THE CANAL?

It is probable that the new general assembly will take some dicisive stand on the canal question. A commission spent a portion of last year investigating the subject, and has now reported to the governor. The exact terms of the report are a subject of conjecture. It is surmised that the abandonment of the Ohio canal, south of Akron has been recommended. That this is not true, THE INDEPENDENT hopes, for it is extremely probable that such canals as escape the destroying hand, will be widened, deepened and made ready for navigation by steam vessels. As between retaining the canal in its present dilapidated state, and a possible new railroad, the railroad would be preferable, but when there is a choice between an improved canal and a railroad, it is easy to decide in favor of the canal.

There is furthermore an argument against canal abandonment advanced by former Secretary of State Ryan. Mr. Ryan relates that in 1825 the general government gave the state 500,000 acres of land, the proceeds of the sale of which went to the construction of the Ohio canals. As a consideration to the United States government for this land grant the canals to be constructed were to be maintained and kept in repair forever by the state and were to be free for the uses of the general government at all times. Ohio's acceptance, under the conditions, constituted a compact between this state and the general government which may not now be abrogated by Ohio without the consent of the United States Congress.

Mr. Ryan supported this argument by citing the experience of Illinois, where, after the state had decided to abandon a canal, the consent of congress had first to be obtained, and the Illinois Central railway was built. It would appear in the Illinois case, however, that even when congress had consented to the building of a railroad instead of a canal, the United States retained some of its original rights under the compact. For instance, in 1861 the general government enforced one part of the compact by requiring the Illinois Central to carry government freight and passengers free of charge, just as was provided in the case of canals.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

BEACH CITY, Dec. 15, 1897.

To the Editor of THE INDEPENDENT:

The sixth annual Farmers' Institute of Western Stark County will be held at Canal Fulton, December 22 and 23, 1887. Please publish in your valuable paper, which has a large circulation in Stark county, that we have been assigned two able lecturers by the state board of agriculture. Both are practical agriculturists. F. A. Derthick, of Portage county, has been food and dairy commissioner, a member of the state board of agriculture, a member of the Ohio State Grange executive committee, and is a practical farmer. W. W. Farmsworth is a successful horticulturist. He is secretary of the Ohio State Horticultural Society, and comes well recommended. Come prepared to take part in the exercises, to talk as well as to listen. These lectures are given free. Ask yourselves, fellow farmers, can you afford to miss the institute, if you are progressive? To succeed we must improve brain as well as brawn. We must learn to think as well as work. Try to keep abreast of the times. Changes in demands make changes in supplies. Farmers may not change policies, but they can use their policies to conform to changes. The committees have made all necessary arrangements for a successful institute.

PRES. J. R. LAWRENCE,
SEC. J. B. EBERLY, Canal Fulton.
Beach City.

DALTON WONDERS WHY.

In this era of telephones it is curious our county seat does not have more telephone facilities. A telephone in the offices of the recorder, treasurer, auditor, sheriff and surveyor would be of great convenience to people from nearly all the country towns. Dalton has a round dozen Farmers' 'phones and the Bell, and Dalton merchants can do business by wire with all the Massillon banks, manufacturers and business houses.—Dalton Gazette.

No need to suffer with rheumatism, lumbago, cramps or colic. Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil cures all such troubles, and does it quickly.

ROLLINS WAS NOT DEAD

Lodges Were About to Pay $5,000 Insurance.

FOUND IN A TOLEDO HOSPITAL.

Boat Floating on the Maumee Contained His Clothing—Wife Thought He Was Drowned—Wrote a Letter Under False Name, Which Led to Detection.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—George Rollins left his home at Adrian, Mich., and went to Toledo last September to look for work. One day he hired a boat to go swimming. Later the boat was found floating on the Maumee river, empty save for his clothing. His wife and friends gave him up for dead, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen prepared to pay over $5,000 of life insurance. A few days ago a letter was received by Mrs. Rollins' pastor, signed "George Wilson" and dated at Cleveland, saying the writer was a friend of Rollins, and asking whether his family was in need.

This aroused suspicion, and Sheriff Ferguson of Adrian came to Cleveland and located "Wilson" in the Marine hospital by means of a decoy letter. The officer visited "Wilson" and found him to be Rollins. The latter had been sailing on the lakes and was slightly ill. Sheriff Ferguson, not having a warrant, did not arrest him. Rollins left the hospital and has not been seen since.

Severe on Liquor Law Violators.

YOUNGSTOWN, Dec 18.—Judge Robinson of the court of common pleas declared himself emphatically regarding saloonkeepers who persist in violating the law against the sale of intoxicating liquors to people in whose case protests have been filed by the wife or other relative who suffers from such sales. The judge refused to grant a new trial in a case where the plaintiff, a wife, was given a verdict for $500, and said both he and the jury had received the impression that most of the witnesses for the defense in such cases were barroom loungers and willing to swear to anything.

State Baseball League.

CANTON, Dec. 18.—The Ohio Baseball League has been organized here. Officers elected were: President and Secretary, Cassius M. Miller of Canton treasurer, George Goodhart of Massillon. The single umpire system was adopted and the League agreed to go under the national agreement. Not more than three games will be played consecutively in any city. The season opens May 30 and closed Sept. 1.

Rah in Got the Decision.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 18.—Gus Ruhlin and Billy Smith, the champion heavyweight of Texas, met before the Hot Springs Athletic club in what was to have been a 15-round go. Smith was outclassed, and, after one and one-half rounds, in which he was badly punished, the referee, Jack Everett, stopped the fight and gave the decision to Ruhlin.

Will Terminate Receivership.

AKRON, Dec. 18.—At a meeting of the creditors and stockholders of the Canesville Electric Railway company, in this city, it was decided to terminate the receivership. The road is owned by Akron parties principally, and Will Christy of this city is the receiver. He satisfactorily showed that the earning ability of this road is sufficient to meet the obligations of the company.

Hart n's Ferry Man Acquitted.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 18.—Robert Richardson of Martin's Ferry, charged with impersonating a pension officer, has been acquitted in the United States court by a jury. It developed that Richardson had been arrested by a man who impersonated a deputy United States marshal and this had much to do with Richardson's acquittal.

John J Shipherd on Trial.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—John J. Shipherd one of the most prominent investment brokers in Cleveland, is on trial before Justice Bander on the charge of embezzling $18,000 of bonds of the Fort Wayne Consolidated Railroad company from Frank D. Haas Robison, president of the Cleveland baseball club.

Wanted In Bridgeport.

DENVER, Dec. 18.—Harry N. Clark, formerly cashier of the First National bank of Bridgeport, O., who is accused of having embezzled $8,000 of the bank's funds, is in custody here and will be taken back to Ohio for trial. He was arrested at Cripple Creek.

Germany Acted Too Quickly.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A special dispatch from Shanghai asserts that China will acquiesce in Germany's retention of Kiao-Chau. Russia and France are irritated at Germany's precipitancy in thus prematurely disclosing her plans to England and Japan in a manner likely, says the dispatch, to defeat the objects in view.

Attempted to Wreck a Train.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—An unsuccessful attempt to wreck the fast mail train from New Orleans to Chicago, on the Illinois Central, has been made near Alma, 235 miles from Chicago. The engine cut through the obstruction. The motive was presumably robbery.

Employers and Strikers Partly Agree.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The conference between the representatives of the striking engineers and employers sat and arrived at a provisional agreement, except on the eight-hour question. The conference adjourned to Dec. 28 to enable the men to take a ballot.

Hitchcock Succeeds Breckenridge.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—The retiring United States minister, Clifton R. Breckenridge, has been received in audience by the czar and presented his letters of recall. Mr. Breckenridge presented his successor, E. A. Hickcock.

Colonel Eastham Sentenced.

PARSONS, W. Va., Dec. 18.—Colonel Robert Eastham was sentenced to undergo two years' confinement in the county jail.

GUESTS HAD A CLOSE CALL.

Hotel and Other Buildings Burned at Grand Forks, N. D.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., Dec. 18.—Fire broke out at Nash Bros wholesale grocery store and in a half hour had gone into the Hotel Dakotah, where nearly 1,000 were housed. The "Lady in Black" company escaped, as did the people in the hotel, by the fire escape, a ladder one foot wide, running from the sixth floor to the first. The fire department rescued a large number and but for timely assistance hundreds of persons would have been burned.

Half the people in the hotel were almost pulled out of bed and then shown the only way of escape, which was by the iron ladder. The Hotel Dakotah, Nash Bros.' wholesale grocery and the Grand Forks Mercantile wholesale grocery house were burned and all the buildings on both sides of Third street for two blocks suffered loss. Plate glass was wrecked, furniture from flats adjoining was strewn in all parts of the street in an indiscriminate heap. Loss nearly $1,000,000.

It is believed that Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Howe, who occupied rooms in the third floor of the Nash building, perished in the ames. It was supposed that they had been taken to the homes of friends, but thorough canvass of the city fails to discover them.

A RIOT IN COURT.

Juryman Jerked Before the Judge by Spectators—Said He Was Coerced.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—John J. Hanrahan and Patrick Ferris, judges of election in the Seventeenth ward at the last municipal election, have been convicted of falsifying the election returns and sentenced to the penitentiary. Albert J. Purvis, an election clerk who was on trial with them, was acquitted. Mrs. Hanrahan became hysterical and her female friends added their vocal powers to her's as she sent up shriek after shriek. The friends of Hanrahan and Ferris almost caused a riot.

When the jury was about to pass out of the courtroom two of the prisoner's friends seized Silas A. Hunt, one of the jurors, by the coat collar and demanded: "How did you come to convict these men under the evidence?"

"I was coaxed into it," replied Hunt.

With a jerk that nearly took Hunt off his feet, the two men pulled the juror up before Judge Chetlain, who presided at the trial.

"This man says he was coerced into signing this verdict, your honor," cried one of the men.

"But you signed it did you not?" queried the court.

"I did," responded Hunt.

"Then the court can do nothing," said Judge Chetlain.

"They can bring this matter of alleged coercion up when the motion for a new trial is argued," said Assistant State's Attorney Barnes. This remark attracted attention to the assistant state's attorney, and the excited mob addressed vile language to him until the courtroom was cleared. It was considered necessary to send officers with Mr. Barnes to his home to protect him from violence.

MURDERER OF CHILD HUNG.

A Hysterically Yelling Mob Surrounded the Dangling Body.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—William Carr, the child murderer, has been hanged at the Clay county courthouse at Liberty, Mo. Carr was an ignorant backwoodsman who sought to please his second wife by drowning his 3-year-old daughter by his first wife.

Carr presented a pitiable sight on the gallows, showing remarkable lack of nerve. After the drop had fallen the mass of 600 spectators, as if moved by a single impulse, rushed forward, calling, crying, shrieking and laughing as they surged under the gallows and packed close around the dangling corpse for a close view. The sheriff and deputies had great difficulty in clearing out the hysterical mob.

After the execution it became known that a thrifty photographer had been admitted to the enclosure with a cinematograph machine, and that he had been permitted to photograph the incidents of this revolting tragedy in all its horrible details. The machine was in operation from the moment Carr appeared in the enclosure until the body was cut down, and it is claimed that on a film 1,000 feet long 8,000 pictures were taken. An attempt will be made to exhibit these pictures throughout the country.

HUNG ROBED IN WHITE.

Murderers Inquired As to Each Other's Spiritual Condition on the Scaffold.

ATLANTA, Dec. 18.—Grady Reynolds and Bud Brooks have been executed at Jefferson for the murder of M. C. Hunt of Belton, Ga. Robbery was the motive. Brooks and Reynolds were moonshiners.

The execution was remarkable in many respects. After the ride to the gallows, a distance of half a mile, they were robed in white and permitted to speak to the throng of 1,000 people, who packed around the gallows enclosure. On the gallows the two men held a brief conversation, each inquiring after the other's spiritual condition. Among the 20 men who saw the execution were the three brothers of the murdered man.

A Negro Boy Hung.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 18.—Bud Beard, colored, aged 14 years, has been hung at Carrollton, Pickens county. Beard outraged the 8-year-old daughter of Ben Crooker, a Reform (Ala.) farmer.

CAUSED A SPIRITED DEBATE

Report of the Committee on the Use of Alcohol In the Arts Reported.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A spirited debate was precipitated in the senate by the submission by Mr. Platt (Conn.) of the report of the special joint committee of the senate and house appointed to investigate the use of alcohol in the arts. It developed that a wide divergence of opinion exists among senators as to the practicability, from the point of view of government revenue, of reducing the present tax upon alcohol used in the arts. The report will be further considered when printed.

A joint resolution accepting the invitation of Norway to participate in an international fisheries exposition next year was passed. Under a special order 138 private pension bills were passed. The session closed with exercises in memory of the late William Steele Holman of Indiana.

FARM·FIELD AND GARDEN

MARKETING HONEY.

The Accepted Package For Comb Honey. Packages For Extracted Honey.

Western producers usually market their honey extracted, while eastern producers sell it in the comb, each being governed by the local demand. It is almost needless to say that white clover honey brings the highest prices. Basswood ranks next. The comb honey, of course, brings highest prices, but whether comb or extracted honey pays best is an open question. As much of the extracted honey is adulterated by the time it reaches the retailer, it would seem that there must be a considerable field for producers who have the output and the ability to build up a trade in guaranteed pure extracted honey sold under their own brand and seal, but to do so would, of course, require the use of smaller packages than they use when selling to the dealer or consigning to the commission man, says George G. Hill in a farmers' bulletin on marketing farm produce. He adds:

The invariable package for comb honey is the one pound frame. These are shipped in cases holding either 12 or 24 frames and having glass fronts. Some producers use homemade shipping cases, but the attractiveness of the manufactured case with glass front usually brings an increased price more than sufficient to compensate for the extra expense. A sheet of paper a little larger than the bottom of the case should be first placed in the case with the edges turned up, forming a tray to catch the drip. On this light cleats should be tacked, on which the frames rest and which hold the latter above and out of the drip. These cases, if sent by freight, should be crated together, making a convenient size. In the bottom of the crate straw or chaff should be placed, while projecting boards on the sides to serve as handles will insure more careful handling.

For the retail trade various glass jars, etc., are used, and attractive pasteboard cartons are also used to some extent. Extracted honey is usually shipped in square tin cans holding five gallons each, and these are boxed for shipping either singly or, more often, two in a box. Tin pails of various sizes and having screw tops are also used.

Horse Radish For Market.

Horse radish is a particularly profitable crop when properly grown, which is the case in comparatively few sections, New York and New Jersey gardeners having the best method. They grow it only as a second crop, following cabbage or some other early vegetable. It is grown from the small shoots trimmed from the main root when preparing it for market and is usually dug in the late fall, even as late as December, if the weather will permit. The small roots are cut into pieces from four to six inches long, which are planted in the spring in holes so deep that the top of the set is at least three inches below the surface. These, by late fall and early winter, make long, smooth roots, which are most salable.

In preparing for market the small roots are trimmed off and preserved for next year's set, the main root only being sold. It should be not less than 8 inches long and 1½ inches in diameter and will, if grown as above, often be much larger, while having grown but one season the tough stringiness of older roots will be avoided. It is shipped during the winter months in barrels, but is usually sold by the pound, bringing all the way from $50 to $70 per ton, according to figures given in a farmers' bulletin.

Virginia Razorback Hams.

The product known as the Virginia razorback ham is grown in Surrey, Southampton and Nansemond counties. The department of agriculture has issued a bulletin on these hams, which are pronounced equal to the Westphalians.

These hams are made from what is called the razorback hog. During its youth this animal is allowed to range the woods throughout the summer, where it acquires the peculiar gamy flavor for which its flesh is noted. In the autumn, when the corn crop is gathered, the hogs are driven into the fields, in which every other row is planted with black eyed peas. On these and the small corn that remains they fatten very rapidly. As a finishing process the animals are allowed to eat the small potatoes that are left after the crop is harvested. The method of curing the hams and bacon is peculiar to the locality. There are many imitations of the Virginia razorback ham, some of which are probably equal to the genuine, where the same system of fattening and curing is employed. To secure the genuine it is necessary for individual customers to give their orders a year in advance.

Feeding Alfalfa.

At the Utah station, where investigations on the growing and feeding of alfalfa have been in progress for a number of years, some studies have also been made in connection with feeding experiments on the composition of early, medium and late cut alfalfa of the first and second crops. In each case the alfalfa cut just before blooming was richer in protein than that cut later, but neither the first nor the second crop was as rich in protein as the third crop.

Nebraska's Agricultural School.

T. L. Lyon is at the head of the agricultural department of the Nebraska university at Lincoln. The winter course begins Dec. 28, 1897, and closes March 18, 1898. Professor Lyon writes that the instruction is all given at the farm of the experiment station, where suitable buildings and facilities are provided for the purpose.

A GOOD STORY.

But the Author Would Be a Poor Man to Write History.

"The most desperate personal act I witnessed during the war was performed by a Wisconsin cavalryman," said C. J. Hilton of Madison. "It was at Fleetwood Hill, and the man discounted the capture made at Ciudad Rodrigo by Charles O'Malley's man, Mickey Free. The Wisconsin man rode out between two great cavalry forces—Union and Confederate—and attacked a lieutenant and two men belonging to Jeb Stuart's force, and after a hand to hand saber fight, lasting fully ten minutes, captured the three and brought them in. It was the prettiest fight of the kind I ever saw, and the Wisconsin trooper was cheered by every man on our side who witnessed his act and by some of Stuart's riders. I don't know who the man was, but my recollection is that he belonged to the Second Wisconsin."

A man who wore the Loyal Legion button said he did not think the Second Wisconsin was in the fight with Stuart at Brandy Station and Fleetwood Hill. He asked for the story, however:

"I was a member of the Eighth New York," said Mr. Hilton, "and our regiment was part of the cavalry command sent under Pleasonton to look up Jeb Stuart just before Gettysburg. We found Stuart—yellow sash, black hat plumes, gold spurs and all that—at Brandy Station, and with him were all his riders. The fight was a hot one, and we came very near being beautifully whipped, although we claimed the victory on the ground that we learned what we wanted to know—where Stuart was and what Lee was about. Some of the heaviest fighting of the day was at a spot called Fleetwood Hill, and it was there that the Wisconsin trooper captured his three men.

"We had been at it hammer and tongs for two or three hours, when there came one of those let ups you all have seen—for all the world like two bulldogs looking for a fresh hold. While both sides were waiting for the order to advance a Confederate lieutenant and two men rode out from their tents, moving toward us as if searching for something on the field. Everybody on our side watched them and wondered what they were looking for. The two lines were fully two-thirds of a mile apart, and the three had got about a third of the way across toward us. Then over on the right of our line was a stir and commotion, and the excitement spread along until it reached us.

"The right of our line was concealed from us by a little grove of oak trees. A trooper in blue, mounted on a big bay that looked and carried himself like a thoroughbred, was riding out to meet those three men in gray. He sat on his horse like a riding school master. When within 100 yards of Stuart's three men he halted, saluted with his saber and dropped his carbine and revolver. The three men from the other side had been watching him, and, understanding the challenge, dropped their arms.

"Then came the fight. It was a sabre contest, with three against one. The Wisconsin man disarmed that lieutenant in two passes, hamstrung the horse of another and put his blade through the shoulder of the third. He brought the three into our lines.

"What do you think of that?" he concluded.

"The story is all right," said one of the listeners, "but I don't think you would do to write history."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

The Profits of Monte Carlo.

The merchant whose losses are the result of untoward and unforeseen changes in the market receives sympathy and help, but what bank or private friend will advance money to a gambler? The betting man who has staked his last shilling and lost it is pronounced a fool and has put himself beyond the reach of practical compassion. The sharper who has fleeced him has neither gratitude nor pity. He uses his victim as the butt of his ridicule. And the victim himself, who has risked his money on mere chance, or on baseless information, or on fraudulent representations, freely pronounces himself a fool, judging himself in the light of the issue. To fancy that we shall be exceptions and win where others have lost, that we shall be the solitary lucky ones among the thousands unlucky, is a folly to which we are all liable, but it is none the less a folly.

It is stated that the winnings of table or bank at Monte Carlo last year amounted to £800,000—that is, that this was the net sum lost by those who played. Yet each gambler who has his little pile fancies he will be able to win. There are some thousand bookmakers in our own country. On whose pockets do they pick so comfortable a living? Out of the pockets of their dupes, who so bountifully contribute to the maintenance of their worst enemies.—Good Words.

The Word "Toast."

The word "toast," used for describing the proposal of a health in an after dinner speech, dates back to mediæval times, when the loving cup was still regarded as an indispensable feature of every banquet. The cup would be filled to the brim with wine or mead, in the center of which would be floating a piece of toasted bread. After putting his lips thereto the host would pass the cup to the guest of honor seated on his right hand, and the latter would in turn pass it to his right hand neighbor. In this manner the cup would circulate around the table, each one present taking a sip, until finally the cup would come back to the host, who would drain what remained and swallow the piece of toast in honor of all the friends assembled at his table.

Two Surprises.

"It beats all how some people spend money."

"Yes, and it beats all how some people get money to spend."—Detroit Free Press.

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SEALSKINS KEPT OUT.

New Bill to Prohibit Sealing Bars Them.

A HARD BLOW AT ENGLAND.

That Country and Canada Prevented From Sending Goods to the Biggest Sealskin Market in the World, the United States—News of Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—It has developed that the bill relating to pelagic sealing, which has just passed both branches of congress and is before the president, contains a provision of far-reaching choice which has thus far escaped attention. This places an absolute prohibition on the further bringing of sealskins into the United States from any source whatever. As the United States is the largest market in the world for sealskins, this complete stoppage of the trade in this country will be a severe measure against the British and Canadian industries, which take and cure the skins and then dispose of them largely in the United States.

When the bill was proposed it was generally supposed that the only purpose was to prohibit American citizens from carrying on pelagic sealing. This feature was the only one to attract attention during the discussion. At the close of the bill, however, is a section which is not restricted to Americans, but applies to seal skins in general, "taken in the waters mentioned in this act," which includes the whole Pacific ocean. The provision is as follows: "Section 1. That the importation into the United States by any person whatsoever of fur seal skins taken in the waters mentioned in this act, whether raw, dressed, dried or manufactured, is hereby prohibited, and all such articles imported after this act shall take effect shall not be permitted to be exported, but shall be seized and destroyed by the proper officers of the United States."

Those who are thoroughly familiar with the bill say this provision is of far more importance in its effect than the prohibition against pelagic sealing by Americans.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA FAIL

The Correspondence Between Foster and Laurier Made Public.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The correspondence which has passed between Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, and General Foster, the American negotiator, touching the seal negotiations since the Washington conference last month, has just been made public. It consists of two letters. In the first, dated Ottawa, Nov. 24, Sir Wilfrid Laurier passes upon the proposition from our government which was taken back to Canada by him at the conclusion of the conference. He says he is willing to enter at once upon a review of the whole seal question though the Paris award was made revisable only at the end of five years, provided the other questions of importance to the two countries—immigration, reciprocity, fish protection, etc.—be considered at the same time. He declines, however, to suspend sealing meantime.

The second letter is from General Foster to Sir Wilfrid, dated Washington, Nov. 22. General Foster says that Sir Wilfrid's answer is a declination of his proposition and a renewal of the Canadian proposition made at the conference, and the president declines to reverse his position on that point.

THE SILVER QUESTION FIGURED.

Secretary Gage Quizzed as to the Effect of His Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—When Secretary Gage resumed his exposition of his comprehensive currency bill before the house committee on banking and currency Mr. Hill (Rep., Conn.) called Mr. Gage's attention to the statement that the first purpose of the bill was to commit the country to the gold standard.

"You are recognized as a Republican," said Mr. Hill, addressing the secretary, "and you are familiar with the financial platform of the Republican national convention at St. Louis. Do you consider that this purpose of more firmly fixing the gold standard on the country conflicts with the principle of the St. Louis platform?"

"No, sir," responded Mr. Gage, "not as I look at the principle of bimetallism. Bimetallism must mean one of two things; either it is two kinds of money of unequal value circulating side by side by reason of the exchange of the less valuable for that of the greater value, or else two kinds of money of such intrinsic equality of value that they will circulate naturally side by side"

After this diversion to the silver question the consideration of the bill by sections was resumed.

CIVIL SERVICE FEATURE POSTPONED

The Judicial and Other Appropriation Bill Is Considered in the House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The house has considered the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, excepting to paragraph relating to the civil service. By agreement the debate on this latter paragraph will go over until after the holidays.

Two amendments of some importance were adopted. The bill as reported abolishes the assay office at Deadwood, S. D., and the mints at Carson City, Nev., and New Orleans. The representatives from the two former states made a vigorous and successful fight to continue the appropriations for Deadwood and Carson City. The house sent the bill for the relief of the miners in the Upper Yukon to conference on proposed amendments.

Victim of Double Crime.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Bannard D. Shoultz of Weehawken Heights, who was shot by her husband on Wednesday night, has died. Her husband a wholesale tobacconist of Jersey, after shooting her, committed suicide. Schoultz was insane.

Actor's Murderer Remanded.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Richard Arthur Prince, who stabbed and killed Actor William Terriss, has been arraigned at Bow Street police court and remanded until next Wednesday.

BRYAN DINNERS.

He Also Visited Factories and the American Cemetery.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 18.—The Bryan party has visited the manufacturing establishments, among them the silk and chocolate factories. They also went to the American cemetery, which is the property of the United States government, and were received by Captain Ayers, the keeper. In this cemetery are buried many a soldier who fell in the war with Mexico, killed in battles around this city or dying of disease and wounds. Mr. Bryan was much impressed with this historic spot. Later he called on General Clayton, the American minister.

Last evening he gave a dinner to a great crowd of people at the School of Mines, one of the largest and most notable edifices in the city, which had been placed at his disposal by the government. He was accompanied by ex-Governor Crittenden of Missouri, Major Gorsch, the representative of Huntington's interests in the City of Mexico; Mr. Tomlinson and many prominent people.

Big Delivery of Wheat.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The long-looked for deliveries of December wheat has materialized, 1,250,000 bushels being sent out, over 1,000,000 bushels being by Armour. It went around among a number of commission houses in bunches and landed chiefly with Allen-Greer, the leading brokers, of the Leiter party, who paid for 1,030,000 bushels. The rest was taken by Geddes-Kirkwood, Wrenn and a few others.

Held For a Foul Murder.

COVINGTON, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The crime for which William Johnson surrendered his life was the coldblooded murder of Farmer Walter Boyd of Idaville, Tipton county, on Aug. 5 last. The only justification the negro offered was that he heard Boyd had threatened him.

Destroyed a Model's Beauty.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The famous model, Lucie Hagerland, has had her beauty destroyed by vitriol, thrown at her by another model, named Juidicelli, in a fit of jealousy.

French Statesmen Arrested.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—In consequence of the parliamentary committee, which has been inquiring into the financial and especially the Panama dealing of members of parliament, M. Antide Boyer, representing the Fifth district of Marseilles, and M. Planteau, Laisant and Gaillard, former members of the chamber of deputies, have been arrested.

Six Perished In a Fire.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The residence of Patrick Leahy has been burned and Leahy and five of his children, Thomas, Marie, Katie, Maggie and Patrick, the eldest but 9 years of age, perished. Mrs. Leahy and a boy named Frank, aged 5 years were saved.

Mother, Sometimes.

"The child," said the shoe clerk boarder, "is father to the man."

"Oh, not always," said the cheerful idiot. "Sometimes it is a girl."—Indianapolis Journal.

TRADE IS A SURPRISE

Instead of Holiday Halt, There Is Much Business.

BANK PAYMENTS MORE THAN IN '92.

Production of Iron, Woolens, Boots and Shoes Larger Than Ever Before—Exports Eclipse All Past Records—Failures Smallest In Five Years.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade issued today says: Close to its annual holiday halt the business of the year is surprisingly large. Payments through banks are 2.5 per cent larger than in 1892, heretofore the year of greatest prosperity; the production of iron and woolens and boots and shoes is larger than ever before, exports eclipse all past records, and failures for the two weeks have been the smallest for the corresponding weeks in five years. Treasury receipts show a steady increase for the first half of December over previous months, both in customs and internal revenue and heavy payments to government on Union Pacific account caused but slight stringency in money markets with preparation for large cancelation of bonds.

The news of the week is the rise of merchandise exports in November to $116,000,000, the excess of exports in four months being $229,212,401, while in half of December exports are nearly as large and imports $4,000,000 smaller than last year, when the excess of exports were $26,200,366. Probably all records are surpassed by exports for this year, which have been $974,600,000 in 11 months, and the excess over imports in nine months has probably exceeded $289,000,000.

The output of pigiron Dec. 1 was the greatest ever known, 226,034 tons, against 213,159 Nov. 1 and 217,306 in November, 1895, the highest point heretofore. Unsold stocks also decreased in November 29,652 tons, indicating consumption of about 250,000 weekly during the month. Bessemer declined in the face of such production 10 cents and Gray forge 25 cents at Pittsburg. The demand was on the whole greater and unusual structural contracts for the season were placed, with sales of 10,000 tons steel rails at New York and the largest orders ever booked by the Illinois Steel company, it is said, and unexpectedly heavy business in plates.

Much buying also resulted from expectation of the wire consolidation, including 200,000 tons Bessemer and 50,000 tons billets at Pittsburg. No reaction comes in copper, and exports for the month are estimated at 10,000 tons, but in plates slightly stronger. Coke production was 159,925 tons with contracts, making for the coming year at $1.50, and anthracite coal was weaker at $3.75 here.

Wheat is just now the backbone of foreign relations, the Atlantic exports in two weeks having been, flour included, 7,870,942 bushels, against 5,413,677 last year, while receipts rose to 12,200,000 bushels, against 6,625,382 last year. The price gained a fraction in spite of the speculative decline at Chicago. Corn exports continue to exceed last year's, in two weeks 6,262,849 bushels, against 5,044,620 last year, which is a particularly significant feature. The price rose but a fraction and the receipts in two weeks were 8,023,001 bushels, against 5,449,181 bushels last year.

Demand for woolen goods is increasing, and some mills are in the market providing for a greater production, though most are still waiting, and the wool market is remarkably dully, sales at the three chief points being 15,307,100 pounds, against 18,100,000 last year, 17,149,110 in 1895 and 16,544,100 in 1892. While prices are said to be held without change, manufacturers are hunting for bargains and foreign wool in considerable quantity is coming this way.

Failures for the week have been 329 in the United States, against last year, and 28 in Canada, against 41 last year.

Poor Old Man.

"That's a strange case of the aged gentleman who moves in the highest circles, isn't it?"

"I hadn't heard of it."

"Hadn't you? Why, the Yerkes telescope is authority for the story that the man in the moon is all burned out."—Cleveland Plain Dealer

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is pleasant to take, positively harmless to the most delicate constitution, and sure to cure the most obstinate cold.

M'COY THE CHAMPION.

The Indiana Boy Made Creedon Throw Up the Sponge.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Creedon's seconds threw up the sponge in the sixteenth round in the fight for the middleweight championship with McCoy.

The fighters were arrested, previous to the fight, at the instance of representatives of a purification society and gave bail each for 1,000.

Up to the ninth round they both fought actively, McCoy hitting often rather than Creedon, sidestepping and dodging. In the ninth round McCoy sidestepped and landed three left swings on the head, which opened Creedon's right eyebrow, which bled profusely.

The rounds were then as follows:

Tenth round—Creedon led left on mouth and McCoy missed a right lead for the head. Creedon forced matters, but McCoy was too foxy and waited for an opening. Creedon gave him one, and McCoy swung his left on the wind and brought his right up smartly from the short rib to the head twice.

Eleventh round—McCoy opened with three lefts on the damaged eye and started the blood again. Creedon swung a left on the stomach and McCoy swung lefts and rights on head, stomach and ribs, forcing

CHARLES ("KID") M'COY.

Creedon to the ropes. After this rally Creedon was bleeding freely, and a right jab from McCoy on the head sent Creedon to the floor, but it was more of a slip than a knockdown. Creedon took his time in getting up, and as he arose the gong sounded.

Twelfth round—Creedon adopted rushing and landed a left hook on McCoy's head. In a clinch he repeated this blow. McCoy countered with a hook on the back of the head. Just then McCoy rubbed his gloves on his white trunks and covered them with Dan's blood. The Kid jabbed left on the face and they clinched. Creedon hooked a right on the head and after the breakaway Dan swung a left on the face.

Thirteenth round—Creedon opened with a rush and forced McCoy to the ropes without damage. McCoy came back very fast and sent in three left jabs on the face and three rights on the ribs without a return. A hard left on the wind made Creedon grunt. The New Zealander rushed and jabbed right on the head. The Kid swung a heavy left on the head, which turned Dan's cranium half around. After light sparring Creedon put a left on head and McCoy clinched as the bell rang.

Fourteenth round—Creedon rushed, but McCoy threw him off and forced Dan to the ropes. McCoy jabbed a beautiful left on the mouth and stopped a lead for the stomach. They exchanged left jabs on the face twice and McCoy landed a heavy left on Creedon's nose, which sent Dan's head back and started his eye bleeding again.

Fifteenth round—Creedon's eye was fixed up with a plaster and he looked anything but handsome when he came from his corner. McCoy provokingly kept jabbing his left on the stomach, occasionally varying his tactics with jabs on the face. His advantage of reach was too great a handicap for Dan. McCoy in a rush uppercut with his left on the face and hooked his right on the jaw, flooring Creedon in his own corner. Dan took the full limit to get up and then clinched. Creedon was very weak when he went to his corner, and was unable to respond when the gong rang for the beginning of the sixteenth round.

Choynski, seeing that his man was beaten, threw up the sponge, and as he did so, the spectators broke into cheers and tried to jump into the ring to hug McCoy. The latter's brother threw his arms around the Kid's neck and kissed him. McCoy playfully resented this salutation with a slap on the back. McCoy, as soon as the announcer cried "McCoy wins," jumped across the ring and shook hands with Creedon, who acknowledged his defeat very good naturedly. When Creedon left the ring he was greeted with many good wishes, but McCoy held a reception for fully ten minutes before he retired to his dressing room.

The purse was $7,500.

MADRID, Dec. 18.—It is understood that the cabinet, at its meeting discussed the proposition to increase the strength of the navy and how to meet the expenses of such a step, which The Imparcial estimates at 60,000,000 pesetas.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Latest Reports From the Centers of Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—There was little done in the wheat pit today, and the sentiment at the opening was that an effort to break the market might happen. But there was every evidence that wheat had friends, and could be bought with perfect safety. Mr. Leiter says the talk of a corner is ridiculous, that there is no corner and will not be, that he had bought wheat from 64c up and had it most all sold for shipment, and it was purely a personal matter, as he had the wheat paid for. It is beyond a doubt a good purchase and will go much higher. Puts and calls on May wheat, good all next week, 88¼ to 97.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close
Wheat				
Dec.	98½	99⅛	98¼	99
Jan.	94	94⅛	93¾	94⅛
May	91⅞	92⅝	91⅞	92⅛
Oats.				
Dec.	21½	21⅝	21½	21⅝
May	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝
Corn.				
Dec.	25⅝	26⅛	25⅝	26⅛
May	29	29¼	28⅞	29¼
Pork				
May	8 82	8 85	8 82	8 82
Jan.	8 55	8 60	8 55	8 60
Lard				
May	4 67	4 70	4 67	4 70
Jan.	4 50	4 52	4 50	4 52

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—We predicted a sharp advance in the stock market for today in our letter of yesterday, and those who were not shaken out were given a handsome profit today. Sugar, Manhattan and the Grangers were all strong, and the advance was from 1 to 3 cents.

The following is the weekly bank statement:

Reserve decreased	$3,161,27
Loans decreased	1,046,900
Specie increased	387,100
Legals decreased	4,868,100
Deposits decreased	5,278,500
Circulation decreased	103,100

The following figures show fluctuations of stocks, as furnished by T. B. Arnold's exchange:

	Opening.	High.	Low.	Close
American Sugar	137⅜	139⅛	137	138⅞
American Spirits				7⅜
American Tobacco	86½	86½	86¼	86¼
Atchison (Pfd.)	30⅝	30⅝	30⅛	30⅝
C. B. & Q.	99	99⅜	98⅞	99⅜
Chicago Gas	95⅛	97⅛	95½	97⅛
Louisville & Nashville	56¾	57⅛	56¾	57⅛
Manhattan	103	104¾	103	104½
Missouri Pacific	33⅛	34⅛	32⅞	34⅛
Rock Island	90¼	90¾	90⅛	90⅝
St Paul	95¼	95⅞	95⅛	95⅞
Western Union	89⅞	90¼	89⅞	90⅛

TOLEDO, Dec. 18.—[By Associated Press]—Wheat 96½, rye 46⅝.

DALTON, Dec. 20.—Wheat, 90 cents.

NAVARRE, Dec 20—Wheat, 90 cents.

The following prices are being paid in the Massillon markets:

GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat per bushel	92
Rye, per bushel	35-38
Oats	18-20
Corn	30
Barley	45
Wool	15-18
Flax Seed	1 00
Clover Seed	$2 50-2,60
Timothy Seed	$1.00-1 10
Bran, per 100 lbs	70
Middlings, per 100 lbs	80
Hay	$6 00-7 00

PRODUCE.

Choice Butter, per lb	18-20
Eggs, per dozen	18
Lard, per lb	5
Hams, per lb	10
Shoulders per lb	8-8
Sides	6-7
Cheese	8-11
Potatoes	50-60
White Beans, per bushel	1 00
Onions	60
Apples	80
Evaporated Apples, choice	8-10
Chickens, live per lb	5½
Dried Peaches, peeled	8-10
Dried Peaches, unpeeled	4-5
Salt, per barrel	90-1 00

HIDES.

	Per pound
Beef, No. 1, green	5
" No. 2, "	3
Calfskin, No 1	6
" No. 2	4
Tallow	2½
Deacons	20-25 apiece

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Can this be so? Is it true? Are the facts garbled? Is the truth distorted? These are questions which every man and woman in Massillon suffering the torture of backache asks as they read the published accounts in the newspapers about medicines which claim to cure it. Whatever the conclusions arrived at touching the truth of these cures, is, he can't hedge or flinch from or disprove the following, for it took place in Massillon, and the experiences are those of a representative citizen: Mrs Wm. Curtis, of No 49 Plum street says: "I was troubled with my kidneys, my back aching a great part of the time and growing a little worse as the months flew by. My back and kidneys grew so sore that I could not lean against the seat while in church. I could not wear a corset. Even the weight of my clothes hurt and dragged the life out of me and at night I had to lie on three pillows and in the morning my back was so sore and lame I could hardly get out of bed. I took medicines to get relief from the terrible suffering, but had never been able to get a permanent cure until one evening my husband was reading the newspapers and he remarked, 'Here is a chance for you to get cured; from the way this reads I am inclined to think it will help you.' I wish you would go down to Baltzly's drug store and get Doan's Kidney Pills. I got a box and they relieved me at once and continued to help me. After using the remedy my back was stronger than it has been in years and the old symptoms I had so long, disappeared. If this statement will encourage others to use Doan's Kidney Pills, you are welcome to use it. I am sure they will never regret having given them a fair trial."

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You cannot afford to let this opportunity go by.

Do not invest more than you can afford, but invest what you can and you will feel that you have acted prudently and wisely by availing yourself of the chance that has come unexpectedly and after a long period of depression.

Either enrich yourself and family, or, if your means are restricted, at least realize enough (if investment is sufficient) to buy a home. In the good old golden days of '49 you would have been compelled to drop your present occupation and incur the risk of life and health to get a chance of wealth which is now offered you from the investment of a small part of your savings in the gilt edged stock in this Company.

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1 lot 3.00 Lamps go for			1.98
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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Daniel Good, a flagman, on a Pennsylvania local, fell at Louisville, on Friday, and broke his arm.

Mrs. Daniel Hemperly will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. McRoberts, in Allegheny.

THE INDEPENDENT cannot use annoymous communications on any subject. Several have just been destroyed on this account.

The W., & L. E. has lost its Eastern differential, the rate clerks having decided against it. An appeal from this ruling will be asked.

Mr. Herman Specht, of Tower Hill, Ill., a student of Capital University, Columbus, is spending his Christmas vacation at St. Paul's parsonage.

Mrs. J. F. Morkel and daughter Estella, who spent the past three weeks in the city visiting relatives, returned to their home in Cresline Saturday morning.

West-bound trains on the Pennsylvania railway are nearly always late these days. It is because repairs are being made in the tracks this side of Pittsburg, all trains being held there for from ten minutes to half an hour.

The Western Ohio Coal Company's mine was idle Friday afternoon, owing to a lack of cars. The W., & L. E. company has experienced some difficulty in providing the number of cars necessary, but the delays have been of short duration.

Mr. Matthew English's horse strolled away, the other day, and not long after Mrs. English lost her gold-rimmed spectacles. These facts were announced in THE INDEPENDENT's lost columns, and both horse and spectacles have since been returned to their owners.

Mrs. C. C. Klein, of this city, who was taken ill with typhoid fever, while visiting in Dalton, two weeks ago, has practically recovered, Dr. Roebuck says. At one time Mrs. Klein's condition was very serious, her temperature for thirty-six hours being about 104.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown delightfully entertained a company at their home, in East Oak street, Wednesday evening. After spending an enjoyable evening, in the course of which the guests were served with a delicious lunch, it was decided to form a permanent amusement club and meet alternately at the members' homes.

Leo Weibel, of 81 Wooster street, was oiling up an engine in the W. & L. E. yards, Saturday morning, when it suddenly moved. He was caught between the cab and a coal shute, and sustained severe internal injuries, in the region of the stomach. Mr. Weibel was taken home in a carriage, and Dr. Hardy was called to attend him.

Mr. Oliver Clay, who has been the guests of his brothers, Solomon and Moses Clay, and other relatives in this vicinity for a month, left Wednesday evening, for his home in Portland, Ore. This was Mr. Clay's first visit to Massillon in thirty-eight years, but THE INDEPENDENT and train loads of Russell & Company's machinery kept green the memories of old home and birthplace.

The interesting difficulties of Mr. James Myers, plaintiff, and Mr. Joseph Wisdom, charged with carrying war into Zion church, for the annihilation of the complainant in particular, were not aired before the mayor, Thursday morning, to the disappointment of an expectant public. Mr. Myers would not give bond for the costs, and the court would try the case under no other conditions.

The shooting season closed Wednesday, and it is now unlawful to kill all kinds of game excepting ducks. There is considerable dissatisfaction among farmers with the protection rabbits receive, and they claim the season for killing them should extend to January 1st. Rabbits have not been known to be so plentiful in years and numerous young orchards have been destroyed by them.

Mrs. Corns. Miss Burton, Miss Laura Russell, Miss Hunt, and Miss Corns, who have been in Berlin, have gone to Dresden for the remainder of the winter. At Berlin they attended the Thanksgiving dinner given by the Americans present in the city. Over three hundred sat down, Ambassador White presiding. The President and the Emperor were toasted, and everybody sang "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner"

George K. Everhart, who resides South of Massillon has asked the trustees of Perry township to pay him $200. He says that a bridge on a road which leads from the Navarre road to Richville went down beneath him and the horse he rode, and that he sustained serious injuries. It is supposed that just before Mr. Everhart came to this bridge a traction engine had passed over, weakening the timbers so that no great weight was required to cause it to go down.

The marriage of Mr. Douglass Iden, of this city, to Miss Alice Brugh, of Canton, took place Thursday, at the residence of Mr. Iden's cousin, Mr. W. E. Wertman, 60 McKinley avenue. Only a few relatives and friends were present, and immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Iden left on a short wedding trip. They will reside in Massillon. Mrs. Iden has so many friends in this city that an introduction is hardly necessary. Mr. Iden is the chief miller at the Sippo Valley flour mills.

Despatches say that Mr. George Goodhart, of this city, was elected treasurer of the league of Ohio base ball teams, organized in Canton, recently. Mr. Goodhart himself says that he knows nothing about the matter. He was not even aware that a meeting was to be held, and always supposed that the Massillon team was opposed to the formation of a league. Mr. Goodhart does not know whether or not he will accept the office. He will do nothing until he learns more about the matter.

Mr. F. C. Gurmuth, one of the proprietors and principals of the Massillon Actual Business College, and Miss Carrie Magly, of Kenton, were quietly married at the home of the bride, at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Gurmuth have arrived in Massillon, and will reside at 120 South East street. Though comparatively a newcomer to Massillon, Mr. Gurmuth has earned the esteem of the community, and the same hearty welcome which was his is accorded his winsome bride.

Liberty Bell Council, Daughters of Liberty, elected officers as follows, Thursday evening: Mrs. Emma Dillon, councillor; Mrs. Belle Limback, vice councillor; Mrs. Sarah Weaver, assistant councillor; Mrs. Anna Marks, assistant vice councillor; Mrs. Maggie Abel, recording secretary; Mrs. Bertha Hillhouse, assistant recording secretary; C. C. Miller, financial secretary; Martin Dillen, treasurer; Mrs. Ella Holderbaum, guide; Mrs. Louisa Koontz, inside guard; Mrs. Adela Howald, outside guard; Mrs. Belle Limback, trustee; C. C. Miller, state representative.

Mrs. S. O. Eggert, who represented Stark county at the meeting of the Ohio State Grange, at Columbus, arrived home on Friday. Mrs. Eggert introduced a resolution at the meeting favoring the centralization of the schools of two or more districts. It was discussed at some length and referred to the committee on education. A ballot was taken at one of the sessions to determine what city the Grange preferred should have the state centennial in 1903, resulting overwhelmingly in favor of Columbus. Mrs Eggert was among those who voted for Columbus.

Mr. Felix Galley, an artist of Nashville, Tenn., has engaged apartments at the Hotel Massillon, and is now at work on the picture of a dog for which he says he will receive $250. The finishing touches he expects to make about Monday. The dog is a full-blooded St. Bernard, valued at $500, and is the property of Mr. J. J. Mayer, of Berner & Mayer, manufacturers of beer pumps, Cleveland, with which concern Mr. Florentine Schott, formerly of Massillon is connected. Mr. Schott's father, in this city, has charge of the dog, which is taken to the artist's rooms every day.

J. A. Smith and Miss Ray B. Lacy who were married at Franklinville, N. J. on Monday, arrived in the city this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will be at home at No. 44 East Oak street. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents where a reception was held in honor of Mrs. Smith, who is one of the most prominent young ladies of Franklinville. Mr. Smith is also a resident of New Jersey, but for several years has been employed by Reed & Company. He has a host of friends in Massillon and the happy couple were warmly received today.

The want columns contained an announcement Wednesday of the loss of a pocket-book containing money and a gas bill made out to W. M. Fawcett Thursday morning the pocket book and its contents were brought to THE INDEPENDENT office, and the owner is now in possession. It cost 25 cents to accomplish this. It is a good thing for Massillon people to know that such a medium is at their service. The want columns appear in the semi-weekly edition, also, and advertisements for cows, butter, eggs, help, tenants for farms, and so on can be relied upon to bring results.

Jerome L. Smith, of Massillon, superintendent of the Smith Bicycle and Light Machinery Works, has just been granted four patents which will no doubt revolutionize the construction of bicycles in the future. The first is a dust proof, two piece crank hanger; the second, a dust proof bicycle, tubular hub; third, a frame reinforcement, while the last is an automatic brake operated by back peddling. The Smith works have already received orders for 350 of the new wheels, 300 of which go to Chicago. The improved machine will, no doubt, be in great demand and the bicycle industry bids fair to become an important feature in Massillon.

The nomination of a citizen of Massillon to be consul at Marseilles was arranged for several weeks ago, under the provisions of President Cleveland's executive order, requiring persons designated for appointment to submit themselves to examination. Marseilles is the principal seaport of France, situated on the Mediterranean sea, and has a population of 500,000. The consular district embraces agencies at Toulon, the French naval station, Cette, a city where great quantities of wine are manufactured, and Bastia, the chief commercial city of Corsica. While Marseilles boasts of few galleries and museums, it is said to be a fascinating place of residence. Mr. Claude M. Thomas, of Kentucky, who resigned the post last summer, in a private letter recently received, wrote that the Marsellais say "Paris would be Marseilles, if she only had the Cannebiere." The Cannebiere is a short business avenue, whose cafes are described by Baedecker as more brilliant than those of the capital, and it is crowded at all hours with representatives of every nation on earth. The city is also said to be the dirtiest in Europe, the present British consul declaring that every corner has its own particular smell. Hundreds of steamships ply regularly between Marseilles and all parts of the world, and the commerce of that city with America amounted to something like $7,000,000 last year. It is one of the oldest cities in history and has developed wonderfully in recent years.

Constipation is the cause of all sorts of serious disorders of the blood. Strong cathartics are worse than useless. Burdock Blood Bitters is nature's own remedy for troubles of this sort.

1898 Excelsior Diaries Bahney's Book Store.

BISMARCK IS VERY LOW.

The End Thought to be Not Far Distant.

HIS DECLINE SAID TO BE RAPID.

Excitement in Vienna Over the Reported Occupation of Port Arthur by the Russians—Loss by Fire in Australia Amounts to $8,000,000.

[By Associated Press to THE INDEPENDENT]

HAMBURG, Dec. 18.—Prince Bismarck is very low. It is feared that he is rapidly declining.

VIENNA, Dec. 18.—[By Associated Press]—There is considerable excitement over the report that the Russians have occupied Port Arthur, the scene of the terrible massacre of Chinese, during the war with Japan, since which Russians have reconstructed the fort.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—[By Associated Press]—The loss by fire in Victoria, Australia, amounted to nearly $8,000,000 on November 22. This is much larger than first reported.

ROME, Dec. 18.—[By Associated Press—Strong earthquake shocks occurred at 8:30 this morning. At Curtadi Castello houses were wrecked and bells rang. Panic occurred at Sienna and Velleni.

NEWS OF WASHINGTON.

Appointments by the President—Doings of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—[By Associated Press]—The President today appointed William P. Williams, assistant treasurer at Chicago; William Penn Nixon, collector, Chicago; Archibald A. Young, surveyor of customs, Indianapolis; Henry C Greimer, collector of internal revenue, Missouri; John H. Walenhorst, appraiser, St. Louis; John L. Hodges, assayer, Denver; John C. Ames, marshal, northern district of Illinois; Lorenzo F. Watson, postmaster at Watseka, Ill.

Ministers confirmed by the Senate: Hitchcock, Russia; Sampson to Ecuador; Finch to Paraguay; Swanson to Denmark; Bridgeman to Bolivia; Hunter to Guatemala and Honduras; Nathan B. Scott, of West Virginia, revenue commissioner, and all appointments just made at Chicago and St. Louis.

Speaker Reed goes to Philadelphia during the recess to deliver the address at the celebration of the semi-centennial of Girard College.

Secretary Sherman has decided to omit the diplomatic breakfast given to the diplomatic corps on New Year's day, on account of the death of the President's mother.

The Senate confirmed the nomination of Robert P. Skinner, as consul to Marseilles, France before adjourning.

Congress adjourned today for the holiday recess. The attendance was small and no special business was transacted.

THE RABBIT SEASON.

Farmers and Hunters Want to Have It Extended.

The general dissatisfaction created, particularly among the farmers, by that section of the Ohio law pertaining to rabbits, may assume a more decisive attitude by the framing of a petition which will be submitted to the new legislature. This step is being favorably discussed and is likely to be executed. The season for killing rabbits expires December 15th, when rabbits are really at their best between that date and January 1. Then the season begins September 1 which is fully a month too early, when rabbits are not desirable for food. It is true that nothing in the law prohibits the killing of rabbits by land owners when they destroy property, regardless of the law.

However, as rabbits killed by farmers out of season cannot be taken from the premises, they lose whatever benefit would otherwise accrue. Farmers say they have no time for hunting until after the present season expires and demand a share of sport. Rabbits have increased so rapidly during the past few years that they have become a nuisance in many localities, and are plentiful everywhere. This is mainly due to the fact that the season expires before hunters are assisted in the pursuit by snows. After a good fall of snow it is an easy matter to trail a rabbit to its hiding place either in the brush or open field. No fault is found with the sections governing the killing of birds and other game.

A CONSERVATIVE MAN.

Something About James Wood, of the Cigar Makers' Union.

James Wood, vice president of the Cigarmakers' International Association, who came to Massillon in the interest of his organization, two days ago, was called East Saturday morning to look after some difficulties that have arisen between cigarmakers and their employers. Mr. Wood is one of the foremost of American labor agitators, being a man of great intelligence and wholly worthy of the high respect in which he is held. He is an Australian by birth, and he says there is a great difference between the working people of that country and this. There the lecture halls are always crowded and prize fighting and that sort of thing is practically ignored. In the United States, he says, it is quite the reverse. The people of Australia are all well educated, and workingmen have libraries and university extension associations everywhere.

Will Abandon the Tunnel.

The W. & L. E. Railway Company has decided to abandon the Dillonvale tunnel and make a cut through the hill. The tunnel is 450 feet in length, and the distance from the track to the top of the hill is over 100 feet. The contract has been awarded to T. J. Stringer, of Martins Ferry, and work will be commenced next Monday. The cut will cost approximately $25,000.

VERBAL CANAL REPORT.

The Committee Agreed and Call Upon the Governor.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 17.—The special canal investigating committee consisting Senators Cromley and Williams and Representatives Richardson and Aldrich made their report to Governor Bushnell orally yesterday. It was not made public, and will probably not be until it is sent to the legislature along with the governor's message. Chief Engineer Perkins says, however, that there is no doubt the committee is agreed, and that there will be no minority report. Recommendation will be made that canals in main be retained, but that a number of useless feeders and possibly several profitless short branches be abandoned and sold, and lines retained be improved and made equal to any modern canal.

It is understood that the committee advise the abandonment of the Ohio canal south of Akron.

A Fine Entertainment.

NORTH LAWRENCE, Dec. 18.—The entertainment given in the K. of P. hall, last evening, under the auspices of the Jr. O. U. A. M. lodge, proved a decided success. The audience was large and appreciative. R. A. Pollock presented the principles of the order in a few remarks. Miss L. Maud Keller, of Massillon, who on former occasions has electrified her audiences at this place, was on the programme last night, and her masterly reciting won her many new friends, who by their repeated encores, showed their deep appreciation of her efforts. She will always find a hearty welcome on her appearance at this place. Marcellus Ruch, of Massillon, who was formerly of this place, and who is at present a professor of music in the former place, sang two solos, much to the delight of his many friends. Miss Nellie Bruce, Wm. Fulton and Roger Kirk also added several numbers with much credit to themselves.

WANT CUBA TO BE FREE.

A Resolution Adopted by the Federation Convention at Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 18.—The vote on the Cuban resolutions and substitute which had been taken in the American Federation of Labor convention has been announced. The vote on the Cuban resolution was announced as 854 for and 1,294 against laying the Cuban matter on the table. The question of the substitute offered by Mr. Tobin, declaring that Cuba "should have industrial freedom from which it will receive political freedom" was then called for and brought before the convention. The vote was taken and the substitute was lost. C. H. Warner made a motion reiterating the position taken at Cincinnati, which was voted on and carried, and the Cuban matter ended.

The federation adopted a resolution demanding an amendment to the constitution of the United States depriving the supreme court of the United States and supreme courts of states of power to set aside laws made by the people.

A resolution was reported upon regarding the reaffirmation of the position of the federation toward the free and unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1. It was ordered back to the committee, the report stating that the resolution was unnecessary, the matter having been covered at previous meetings.

A resolution pledging the moral and financial assistance of the federation to the British engineers was referred without further action.

In regard to the eight-hour day and legislation by congress, the committee reported a substitute covering the cases of women and children, and the substitute was adopted.

SCHURZ ELECTED AGAIN.

He Remains President of the National Civil Service Reform League.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18.—The National Civil Service Reform League re-elected Carl Schurz president by acclamation. The remainder of the officers as selected are as follows:

Vice presidents, Charles Francis Adams, Boston; Henry Hitchcock, St. Louis; Henry Charles Lea, Philadelphia; Augustus R. Macdonough, New York; Franklin MacVeagh, Chicago; J. Hall Pleasants, Baltimore; Rt. Rev. Henry C. Potter, New York; William Potts, New York; Rt. Rev. P. J. Ryan, Philadephia; secretary, George McAneny, New York; treasurer, A. S. Friszelle, New York.

Executive committee, Carl Schurz, New York, chairman; Moorfield Storey and Richard Henry Dana, Boston; Sherman S. Rogers, Buffalo; William A. Aiken, Norwich; Edward M. Shepard and William G. Low, Brooklyn; Charles J. Bonaparte, Baltimore; Everet P. Wheeler, Silas W. Burt, Edward Cary, Charles Collins, Richard Watson Gilder, William Potts and Norman B. Eaton, New York; Morrill Wyman, Jr., Cambridge, Mass.; William D'Alcy Foulke, Richmond, Ind.; Lucius B. Swift, Indianapolis; Herbert Wash and Charles Richardson, Philadelphia; John W. Ela, Chicago.

The report of the treasurer, A. S. Friszelle of New York, showed: Receipts, $4,254.9; disbursements, $3,878.82; balance on hand, $376.13.

EXPECTS LITTLE SUFFERING.

A Returned Klondiker Says People Can Be Put on Short Rations.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.—A letter the Associated Press from Skaguay, Alaska, dated Dec. 11, gives the additional news brought from Dawson by Joe Kastner and George McLaughlin of Helena, Mon., who left Dawson on Nov. 3.

Between Fort Pelly and Dawson Kastner saw six boats containing five men each floating down the river with the ice. Their position was very dangerous, and it was impossible to render them any assistance.

Provisions at Dawson were to be had only from recent arrivals who had some to spare. The privilege price was $1 per pound for every purchasable article, from a sack of flour to a pick or frying-pan.

"Will there be starvation in Dawson this winter," Mr. Kastner was asked.

"That is a hard question," he said. "If the people are put upon rations, there will, in my opinion, be enough food to tide over the winter or until supplies can arrive and there will be no actual suffering from want of food."

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A DRESS SUIT, nearly new, and in first-class condition. Will be sold very cheap for cash. Address J. F care of Independent office.

BUILDING LOT—Must be sold at once on very easy terms Located on Green street one lot removed from Waechter. Inquire at Independent office.

CHEAP - Heating Stove, nearly new; also Bedstead, Mattress and Spring. Inquire at Sherman House.

ENGINES and boilers, new and second-hand, complete drilling outfits, boiler feeders. Cope Bros., East Greenville.

FIVE roomed house and lot with good cellar, city and cistern water, located at 97 West Tremont street Inquire of Mrs. F. Geltz, 269 State street, or S. Burd.

HOT AIR FURNACE for sale cheap; Hot water boiler and heating stove. Call at central engine house.

LOTS—Located on the south side of Wellman street, between Prospect and East. Inquire of A. T Skinner.

LOT—Forty feet front, on Tremont street, opposite the Episcopal church; also house of eight rooms, and lot adjoining. A. T. Skinner.

NEVERSLIP Horse Shoes, Calks and wrenches. Special illustrated catalogue and price list sent on application. Geo. H. Gove, U. S., Agent, Massillon, O.

POULTRY FARM—$250 for 5 acres, 40 fruit trees; 2-room new house; well; near best markets; splendid climate; good soil; R. R. station one mile. Also, 10 acres, unimproved, $200; $10 down, $2 a week. Risley, 308 Grant street, Pittsburg, Pa

STOVE—Three soft coal stoves All in good condition Inquire of J. R. Dangler, 17 South Hill street.

WANTED.

GIRL—About 16 years old to help to do general house work in a small family Apply at 61 Akron street.

LADIES—A few ladies to enter Training School for Nurses between the ages of 22 and 35. Address: Supt. City Hospital, Wheeling, W. Va.

MONEY—To loan on first class business property in Massillon, in sums of $4,000 to $10,000, at 6 per cent. Address Lock Box 435, Canton, O.

SALESMEN—To sell our lubricating oils and greases in your town and vicinity. Refer nces required Address: The Howard Oil and Grease Co., Cleveland, O.

TO SELL a dollar typewriter ribbon for 75 cents at the Actual Business College We guarantee these ribbons to be as represented Ribbons for all machines. Farmers phone 119.

FOR RENT

A HOUSE of five rooms at 40 Edwin street Inquire of Z. T Baltzly.

A NEW house of five rooms with a large lot in Richville avenue. Possession given immed ately. G E. Rhine.

EDGEWATER—Will be rented upon reasonable terms to good tenant. James B. Dunn.

FOUR room house, 17 Superior street. In first class order, $7 per month. Inquire of Henry Lantz or Chas G. King.

FIVE roomed house on North street. Inquire of John B. Snyder, 211 North street.

FURNISHED ROOM to rent with boarding in private family. Reference required. Apply at The Independent office.

HOUSE—With five rooms, centrally located and in good condition. Possession given at once. Apply to E. A Jones, 138 East Tremont street.

HOUSE—Six-roomed house; good cellar, well, cistern and city water; good barn and outbuildings. Inquire of F. Reichel, 22 Weber street.

HOUSE—A house of five rooms in Wellman street. C. V. Hammersmith.

HOUSE—Of four rooms, near Third street. Four-roomed house and summer kitchen, No. 206 South East street. Inquire at Diebeni Bros.

ROOM The large room on third floor of my building, over Suhr & Zepp's shoe store, 22 South Erie street, at present occupied by A. O. H. lodge. Inquire of Leonard Schwerm.

TWO dwelling houses; one corner Oak and Mill streets and the other in S. Erie street Inquire of J. H. Hunt.

TWO five roomed houses with city water, suitable for small family. Rent $6.00 per month. Inquire of W. A. Pletzeker.

WHY not be comfortable this winter and have furnace bath, water closet, hot or cold water gas, sewer &c in a newly papered and painted house. Low rent. Fine location. F W. Arnold.

WEST HALF of 79 East Tremont street. Inquire of Warren E. Russell, 25 Prospect street.

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DOG—Color black and tan; answers to name of Jack. Liberal reward if returned to 126 East Cherry street.

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PURSE—Owner can have same by calling at Independent office.

Celery Tea regulates the liver and kidneys, cures constipation and headache. 25c at all druggists

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Special Rates via Pennsylvania Lines This Month.

On December 6th, 7th and 20th and 21st, Homeseekers' Excursion Tickets will be sold via Pennsylvania lines to points in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indian Territory, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Anybody may take advantage of the low rates. Full information free upon application to nearest Ticket Agent of the Pennsylvania lines, or by addressing C. L. Kimball, A. G. P. A., Cleveland, O.

EXCURSION RATES.

Via Pennsylvania Lines for Christmas and New Year.

Following the annual custom, ticket agents of the Pennsylvania Lines will sell excursion tickets Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1897, and Jan. 1, 1898, for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Tickets will not be sold to adults for less than 25 cents, nor to children for less than 15 cents. Return limit of excursion tickets will include Jan. 4, 1898. For rates, time of trains and further information apply to nearest ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Lines.

Christmas and New Year Excursion Rates, Via the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway.

Conforming to its past custom all agents of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway will sell reduced rate excursion tickets between all points on its own line, also to points on its connecting lines for the Christmas and New Year Holidays. Excursion tickets will be on sale Dec. 23, 24 and 25, 1897 and Jan. 1, 1898. For further information apply to any agent of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry., or address J. F. Townsend, Asst. Genl. Pass. Agt., Toledo, O.

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There is no use in paying exorbitant prices for foreign brands of flour, when Royal Patent and White Rose brands will be brought to your door for less money than some dealers ask for low grade flour. Telephone, or drop a postal card to M. Neal, Massillon City Mills, and your order will be filled promptly.

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